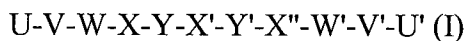


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 33 with the following amended paragraph:

A particular embodiment of the polymerizable liquid crystal in accordance with the invention is one wherein, the polymerizable liquid crystal is one of the formula I



wherein

X, X' and X'' are each, independently of one another, Ph or [[Cyc]] Cy;

where Ph is a 1,4-phenylene unit and [[Cyc]] Cy is a trans 1,4-cyclohexylene unit;

Y, Y' are each, independent of one another, -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂O- or -OCH₂-, -OCO-, -COO-, -, -N=N-, -C=C-, -C≡C-, -C=N-; U, U' are each, independent of one another, a polymerizable group or U is a polymerizable group and U'=H or U=H and U' is a polymerizable group;

V, V' are each, independent of one another, a spacer; and

W, W' are each, independent of one another, a direct bond, -O-, -S-, -COO-, or -OCO-; with the proviso that if X, X' and X'' are each Ph then Y' is -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂O- or -OCH₂- and/or at least of one X, X' or X'' is [[Ph.]] Ph.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferred is a polymerizable liquid crystal wherein X is Ph, X' is Ph and X'' is [[Cyc]] Cy or X is Ph, X' is [[Cyc]] Cy and X'' is Ph.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

~~FIG. 1 shows, schematically, a cross-sectional view of a dichroic guest-host polarizer in accordance with the invention. The~~ In FIG. 1, the dichroic guest-host polarizer 1 comprises, or more particularly in the present embodiment, consists of an oriented polymer film 3 including an oriented polymerized liquid crystal host 5 and a dichroic light-absorbing guest 7 which is dispersed and aligned with the host 5.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

In particular, polymerizable liquid crystals of the formula (I) may be used in the manufacture of oriented films.

U-V-W-X-Y-X'-Y'-X''-W'-V'-U' (I)

wherein

X, X' and X'' are each, independently of one another, Ph or $[[Cyc]] \underline{Cy}$;

where Ph is a 1,4-phenylene unit and $[[Cyc]] \underline{Cy}$ is a trans 1,4-cyclohexylene unit;

Y, Y' are each, independent of one another, $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2O-$ or $-OCH_2-$, $-OCO-$, $-COO-$, $-N=N-$, $-C=C-$, $-C\equiv C-$, $-C=N-$;

U, U' are each, independent of one another, a polymerizable group or U is a polymerizable group and $U'=H$ or $U=H$ and U' is a polymerizable group;

V, V' are each, independent of one another, a spacer; and

W, W' are each, independent of one another, a direct bond, $-O-$, $-S-$, $-COO-$, or $-OCO-$;

with the proviso that

if X, X' and X'' are each Ph then Y' is $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2O-$ or $-OCH_2-$; and/or at least one of X, X' or X'' is Ph.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferably, X, X' and X'' are each Ph and Y' is -CH₂CH₂-, -CH₂O- or -OCH₂-. Also preferred is X and X' are each Ph and X'' is [[Cyc]] Cy, and X and X'' are each Ph and X' is [[Cyc]] Cy.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

The unit [[Cyc]] Cy is an unsubstituted trans 1,4-cyclohexylene or substituted trans 1,4-cyclohexylene substituted with more than one but preferably with one substituent. The one or more substituents are each, independently of one another, selected from the group consisting of methyl, CN, F, Cl and Br. Optionally one or more CH₂ groups are, each, independently of one another, replaced with -O- or -S- or NR where R is a C₁-C₆ alkyl or phenyl. Optionally, the carbon atom in 1 and or 4 -position is replaced with N.